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SUBJECT: ROKG RELATIONS WITH AMERICAN PRESS

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1. ACTING FONMIN LHO OFFICIALLY INFORMED ME TODAY THAT ROKG IS INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR HAHM TO WITHDRAW OBJECTIONS TO JULIE MOON'S JOINING WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS GROUP ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT FORD. ACTION TAKEN ON BASIS OF ARGUMENTS I HAD SET FORTH PREVIOUSLY TO BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG YOM, (REFTEL A).

2. LHO STRESSED THAT AGREEMENT TO PERMIT ENTRY OF JULIE MOON BASED UPON TWO CONDITIONS SUBSTANTIALLY AS SET FORTH BY KIM SEONG JIN (REFTEL B). THESE CONDITIONS ARE:

A. SHE WILL COME AS MEMBER OF WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS FOR COVERAGE ONLY OF FORD VISIT AND NOT RPT NOT ENGAGE IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF VISIT;

B. THAT SHE WILL LEAVE WITH FIRST PRESS GROUP DEPARTING FROM SEOUL ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT'S PARTY. LHO ASKED THAT THESE CONDITIONS BE SET FORTH TO JULIE MOON.

3. LHO ALSO WARNED THAT IF JULIE MOON DOES NOT OBSERVE CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY FIRST CONDITION AND VIOLATES KOREA'S LAWS, SHE WILL BE SUBJECT TO KOREAN LAW.

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4. COMMENT: JULIE MOON PROBLEM HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH
PRE-ADVANCE GROUP, PARTICULARLY ROSENBERGER AND SMYSER.
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